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Mr. Herbert W. Kramer

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Dear Mr. Kramer:

Your letter of 31 August 1962 to the Vice President and a copy of the State Department's reply of 13 September 1962 have been referred to this Agency for reply to your question concerning Francis Gary Powers.

I believe you will find the answer to your question regarding Mr. Powers in the attached hearing by the Senate Armed Services Committee at which Mr. Powers testified. I would particularly call your attention to the last paragraph of the Agency's statement which was included in these hearings which indicates that it was the conclusion of the Board of Inquiry which reviewed Mr. Powers case and of the Director of Central Intelligence, who carefully studied the Board's report and discussed it with the Board, that Mr. Powers lived up to the terms of his employment and instructions in connection with his mission and in his obligations as an American under the circumstances in which he found himself.

I would also call to your attention the remarks of several members of the Senate Armed Services Committee commending Mr. Powers for his conduct under the circumstances.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Legislative Counsel

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Enclosure

cc: Vice President

Department of State

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